

17 Feb	BOT Meeting postponed
18 Feb	Swimming begins for Rms 6, 5, & 12
18 Feb	Parent / Teacher Fun Night
18 Feb	'Wheels Day' – whole school (Bike Wise Day Yr 5 / 6)
27 Feb	Mrs Broadley's Farewell Assembly 1.30pm

Dear Parents and Caregivers
Kia Ora

On February 18 the school will be open from 5pm for the "Meet the Teachers" Evening. All teachers will be in their classrooms until 5.45pm.

There are no set times for interviews as it is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and view the classroom environment. The evening will continue with Syndicate games on the field from 6.15pm. The evening finishes at 6.45pm with a lolly scramble! It is a fun night and everyone is welcome.

The PTA will be selling sausages, drinks and samosas at the Meet the Teacher Evening. Prices will range from \$1.50 to \$2 per item.

RESPECT

At Sunnynook we promote and encourage our **SCHOOL CODE OF RESPECT**. The code states:

- **We respect ourselves**
 - This means presenting myself in the best way I can.
Tidy appearance, tidy speech, tidy work.
- **We respect our class members**
 - This means being kind and thinking of others feelings
- **We respect our teacher**
 - This means following directions from a teacher
- **We respect our school**
 - This means looking after school property.

At the Assembly last week I discussed this with the students and shared a simple definition that was: 'Respect means treating others the way you would like to be treated'. It would be very helpful if at home you discussed this with your children and shared with them your own definition of 'RESPECT.'

YEAR 6 LEADERS:

Mrs Montague has requested Year 6 children who are keen to practice and develop their leadership skills to apply for the "Positions of Responsibility" being advertised across the Senior School. The students are writing letters of application for the various positions; these are being written in class and are due in tomorrow. Positions available positions are: Flag Monitors, Wet Day Monitors, Assembly Monitors, Lost Property Monitors, Cone Monitors, Day Book, Librarians, Mediators, Caretakers Assistant and Office Assistant (Recycle Monitors). Road Crossing Wardens were trained at the end of 2008.

Mr Wilson and Mrs Goldsmith have begun the training of the 2009 Year 5 and 6 Mediators. The Mediators are Senior students who are prepared to be trained in Conflict Resolution strategies and use the strategies to help other students solve disagreements in the playground. The Mediators are identified by wearing a sash, and in pairs wander the playground ready to lend a hand to help their school mates. They are incredibly helpful in the playground and everyone values their service. All Year 5 & 6 children are welcome to apply to be a mediator.

WHEEL DAY:

Wheel Day is being held next Wednesday 18 February. A separate notice is coming home with the children today. All children are encouraged to bring something with wheels to school for the day.

TEACHER ONLY DAY:

Advanced notice that we are having a Teacher Only Day on **Monday 9 March**. The school will not be open for tuition on that day. This is a day that has been granted by the Ministry of Education to all schools in NZ to work on the new NZ Curriculum. Sunnynook teachers will be joining teachers from

Wairau Intermediate, Forrest Hill and Target Road to hear a renowned NZ expert on reading – Alison Davies.

CULTURAL GROUPS

Kapa Haka is being continued this year with the first meeting being Tuesday February 17th at 8.30 am. It will be a meeting just for the previous years students. The meeting will establish how many students wish to continue and vacancies for 2009.

Auditions for the **Sunnynook School Choir and Orchestra** (Year 4 – 6) started today. If your child would like to be in the choir this year, please ask them to talk to Mrs Bibby in Room 3. We are looking forward to an exciting year

SUBWAY LUNCHESES:

Unfortunately due to a lack of support Subway lunches will no longer be available on a Tuesday. They will however hold a Fundraising Day later in the year.

SPORTS

Junior Basketball League

A meeting will be held next Monday for girls and boys who are interested in playing in a Basketball team in the YMCA Northcote competition on Friday evenings, during Term 1 and 2.

The team will need to have a Parent coach before the team can be registered. The School has coaching manuals available. Registration closes 2 March 2009.

Tennis players

This weekend is 'Come Play Tennis Open Day' across the country 14th & 15th Feb. An opportunity for you and your families to play tennis for FREE at your local club! Here is a list of participating clubs in the local area. Rackets are supplied.

Browns Bay Tennis Club
Sunday 15 February
10am -2pm

Glenfield Tennis Club
Sunday 15 February
10am -2pm

Milford Tennis Club
Sunday 15 February
10am -2pm

Campbells Bay Tennis Club
Sunday 15 February
10am -2pm

Mairangi Bay Tennis Club
Sunday 15 February
10am -2pm

Takapuna Tennis Club
Sunday 15 February
10am -2pm

Weet-Bix Go for Gold Tryathlon 2009 – This Sunday 15 February. The event is suitable for children of all sporting abilities and this year is open to 7 year olds. For further information go to www.weetbix.co.nz or email tryathlon@sanitarium.co.nz or phone 531-5080

PTA NOTICE / EVENTS:

The PTA members will be actively recruiting parents for support at school events, such as the Meet the Teachers evening. Please don't be offended if an **identified** PTA member approaches you to discuss possible support you could give to events over the year.

The AGM will be held next month and we look forward to seeing as many people as possible at the meeting. Joining the PTA is a great way to meet and make new friends. Meetings are held monthly in the staffroom at 7.30pm usually on a Wednesday evening.

Please read the attached newsletter about the Camp Out.

Yours sincerely

Peter Mulcahy
PRINCIPAL

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

Milford Scottish Country Dance Club runs classes for children from 7 years of age. This is a fun and inexpensive activity for boys and girls. It is held at Milford Senior Citizens Hall behind New World Milford. The introductory night is Thursday 5 March at 5.30pm. Cost per term is \$10. For further information contact Lois McEwan on 480-0824 or Ann Andreassend on 410-3297.